

Excerpt from Nebraska State Statutes

# 71-7901

Health clinic; medical care organization or association; peer review committee authorized.

Any health clinic as defined in section 71-416 and any other organization or association of health practitioners or providers licensed pursuant to Chapter 71 may cause a peer review committee to be formed and operated or may contract with an outside peer review committee for the purpose of reviewing, from time to time, the medical care provided by such health clinic, organization, or association and for assisting individual practitioners or providers practicing in such clinics, organizations, or associations in maintaining and providing a high standard of medical care.

### Source:

Laws 1997, LB 222, § 1; Laws 2000, LB 819, § 145.

## 71-7902

Peer review committee; report or information; privilege.

Any person or entity making a report or providing information to a peer review committee of a clinic, organization, or association at the request of such committee has the privilege to refuse to disclose such report or information and to prevent any other person or entity from disclosing the report or information, except as provided in section 71-7903. Such disclosure shall not constitute a waiver of any privilege by the person or entity.

#### **Source:**

Laws 1997, LB 222, § 2.

#### 71-7903

Peer review committee; privileged communications; exceptions.

The proceedings, minutes, records, and reports of any peer review committee as described in section 71-7901, together with all communications originating in such committees, are privileged communications which may not be disclosed or obtained by legal discovery proceedings unless (1) the privilege is waived by the patient and (2) a court of record, after a hearing and for good cause arising from extraordinary circumstances being shown, orders the disclosure of such proceedings, minutes, records, reports, or communications. Nothing in sections 71-7901 to 71-7903 shall be construed to provide any privilege regarding medical records kept with respect to any patient in the ordinary course of business of operating a clinic, organization, or association of practitioners or providers, nor to any facts or information contained in such records, nor shall sections 71-7901

to 71-7903 preclude or affect discovery of or production of evidence relating to the treatment of any patient in the ordinary course of treatment of such patient.

# **Source:**

Laws 1997, LB 222, § 3.